

Welcome to another summer of exploration and discovery!

Kickapoo Valley Reserve Summer Adventure Day Camps

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Forest Friends

Twice a week for two weeks, children and their parent will use all their senses to explore several habitats and natural play areas on the Reserve. A flexible format will allow time for children to use their imagination, creativity, hand-eye coordination, balance and physical strength to build confidence through connection with the natural world.

June 7-17, 2021 9:00 am – 11 am
Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs session

Fee: \$55/child (includes healthy snack)

Limit: 10 children per session Registration

Deadline: May 21, 2021

Instructor: **Susana Ruder** is an early childhood educator, also trained in Waldorf education for children with special needs. She has taught kids and adults of all different abilities in various outdoor settings including therapeutic gardens, summer camps and forest school. She is excited to spend time at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve and gather in art, song and craft and to celebrate the beauty around us.

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Kinder Camp

Twice a week for two weeks we'll explore the natural world through discovery hikes, nature crafts and song. Your child will experience nature with guided hands-on activities designed to engage their imagination and encourage their connection with nature.

June 7-17, 2021 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Mon/Wed FULL w/ waiting list or
Tues/Thurs session

Fee: \$70/child (includes healthy snack)

Limit: 15 children per session

Registration Deadline: May 21, 2021

Instructors: **Julia Buckingham** (M/W camp) is currently the Lead Teacher for the Kickapoo Valley Forest School, a public Forest School on site at the KVR. She has a background teaching environmental education to students of all ages. Julia holds a Primary (3-6 years old) Montessori certification from the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). She enjoys teaching others about the wonderful living and non-living gems found at KVR. **Ximena Puig** (T/R camp) has a master's degree in early childhood education from Oberlin College and has taught grades K-5. Right now she works as a mother and also as a curriculum writer and Leadership Team member for La Farge's new Kickapoo Valley Forest School. She feels that giving children the opportunity to fall in love with the natural world is a gift not only to the children but to Mother Earth, too.

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Jeepers Creepers

Children will become nature detectives, looking for clues, solving mysteries and using their senses to look, listen, touch, taste and smell. Our days will include games, projects and an explorer's notebook.

June 21-25, 2021 Morning (8:30-11:30 am) or Afternoon session (12:30-3:30 pm)

Fee: \$115/child (includes healthy snack)

Limit: 15 children per session

Registration Deadline: June 4, 2021

Instructor: **Mary Szepi** has been teaching young children at Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Schools. She headed the Environmental Education program at NOW for over a decade. Mary enjoys long distance hiking and has trekked the wilderness in several countries. She has been helping children discover the simple joys of playing in nature at the KVR for 13 years.



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AGES 8-10 Nature Nuts

Each day of Nature Nuts camp brings exploration, discovery and new skills. Campers will investigate the realm of plants with identification games and crafts, they'll search for animal life, and learn the art of quiet sitting to see who comes along. We'll encounter the wonders of the water with a day on the pond learning basic canoe skills and safety and discovering who lives in this watery world. Traditional crafts and demonstrations in the ways that ancient peoples made their fires, shelters, and food will also be part of the adventure. Each day will include hikes, time for guided play, and safe exploration. We'll get wet and dirty and gain a new level of comfort and knowledge about nature.

June 14-18, 2021 9:00 am–2:30 pm Full w/ waiting list.

July 5-9, 2021 9:00 am–2:30 pm

Note: Each week includes the same programming; please register for only one.

Fee: \$150 (child must pack own lunch)

Limit: 12 children per session

Registration Deadline: May 28, 2021

Instructor: Nicholas WazeeGale is an enthusiastic naturalist, outdoorsman, and craftsperson. The natural world and its gifts have always held a central focus in his life, and he seeks to share this passion for the wilds through teaching outdoor skills like foraging, tracking, and observation; handcraft skills like carving and tanning; and selling handmade wares such as spoons, bowls, birch boxes and baskets. Initially certified in teaching wilderness skills through a year long wilderness lifeway course, he has been instructing courses at the Driftless Folk School, the KVR, and independently for over 15 years. See what he has been up to on Instagram @nicholas.wazee.gale

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NEW! KVR Junior Ranger Camp - FULL w/ Waiting List

Campers will get a taste of some of our most popular KVR programming with this camp that devotes a day-long dive into each of these programs: Orienteering, Archery, Canoe Skills and Safety, Survival Skills, and Water Canaries. This camp is specifically designed for first-time KVR campers, but will offer something for returning campers as well.

July 19-23, 2021 9:00 am - 2:30 pm Full w/ waiting list.

Aug. 9-13, 2021 9:00 am - 2:30 pm Full w/ waiting list.

Note: Each week includes the same programming; please register for only one.

Fee: \$150/child (child must pack own lunch)

Limit: 12 children per session

Registration Deadline: July 2, 2021

AGES 8-10 Four Elements: Where Science and Art Meet FULL w/ Waiting List

Each day of camp will offer an exploration of one of the elements through creative play, poetry and song, science experiments, learning about animals, and making interesting contraptions. Water wheels, sun prints, simple chemistry experiments, kite making, and cooking over the fire are just some of the fun ways we may explore the elements. By exploring the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, we will see how the four elements unfold in the natural world. We will take a hike to explore the incredible habitat of beavers, stomp around in a cold water stream, build a campfire, make a fort and learn about birds. This camp offers many new activities as well as some of our old favorites.

June 28-July 2, 2021 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Fee: \$150/child (child must pack own lunch)

Limit: 12 children

Registration Deadline: June 11, 2021



Instructor: Vicki Ramsay is a Wisconsin certified Biology, Broadfield Sciences, and Environmental Education teacher. She's been teaching Biology, Agriculture, Chemistry, Geometry, and Drawing at Youth Initiative High School in Viroqua for over 14 years. She has two sons, ages 19 and 11, who have been a great source of inspiration. She loves the adventures and lifelong learning that we all receive from Nature just by taking time to notice, explore and spend time in the wild.

Instructor: Amanda Fonk is a third grade teacher at La Farge Elementary School and specializes in teaching science. She aspires to advance in her career with a focus on environmental education in the future. Her passion lies in the outdoors and she loves kayaking, canoeing, fishing, hiking, and animal watching. She has led environmental summer camps for three years and enjoys watching children experience and learn about the wonders of the natural world.



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Where the Wild Things Are

Have you ever seen a yellow-bellied sapsucker? Have you encountered a water scorpion? Have you practiced fox-walking? Bring your sense of wonder and an adventurous spirit to explore the wetlands, prairies, and woodlands at the KVR. This will be a week-long nature-themed adventure. Activities will be both engaging and educational with an emphasis on fun! Each participant will take an active role in discovering and learning new things, followed by time to reflect on their experience in an eco-journal. Be prepared for hiking, field studies, storytelling, nature crafts, and games. Interactive games will stress involvement and de-emphasize competition. Respectful behaviors in nature will be emphasized. There will be ample time for group collaboration and time to take advantage of the moment. Participants will be introduced to citizen science along with the opportunity to engage in a citizen science survey.

August 2-6, 2021 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Fee: \$150 (child must pack own lunch)

Limit: 12 children per session

Registration Deadline: July 16, 2021



Instructor: Cathy Chybowski is an experienced naturalist and life science teacher whose passion is getting kids outside. She worked for several years as a DNR Naturalist and spent almost 20 years teaching ecology, biology, and A.P. environmental science. She works as a KVR instructor where she spends much time outdoors continuing to be inspired by nature and her students.



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August 16-17, 2021 9 am-4 pm

Fee: \$110/child (child must pack own lunch)

Limit: 15 children/per session

Registration deadline: July 16, 2021

Instructor: Pete Taylor has been playing in the woods on mountain bikes since the 80's (yep he's old). He started coaching and running mountain bike camps in Idaho about 20 years ago and had so much fun with kids on bikes that he never stopped. He moved with his family to the area 15 years ago and created the very popular Camp BlueDog Weekend Mountain Bike Adventure which has hosted over 800 kids since the first year. Pete and his crew of coaches are professionally trained, first-aid certified, and huge kids-at-heart themselves.

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NEW! Artdoors -FULL w/ Waiting List

Do you love adventure? Do you love art? Artdoors is a week of adventure that combines the amazing outdoors with artistic expression in the natural environment. Students will spend their days exploring and playing in the woods while finding different mediums for our art projects. We'll create watercolors, sketchbooks, and paint en plein air. We'll also sculpt and weave while observing the natural world. Cloud watching might inspire a beautiful collage, and noticing a leaf might encourage color mixing. If you love art and the outdoors, hiking and creating, and you aren't afraid of digging deep, this camp is for you!

July 26-30, 2021 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$165 (youth must pack own lunch)

Limit: 12 youth

Registration Deadline: July 9, 2021



Instructor: Brandie Myhre is a Wisconsin certified Art Educator. She has been teaching PreK-12 Art at North Crawford for four years and has taught weeklong "Artdoor" education camps at Northwoods International and Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School. She is level 2 kayak instructor, a photographer, and a lover of long hiking trails.

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Wilderness Adventure Camp - FULL w/ Waiting List (July Camp)

Whether you are joining Wilderness Adventure for the first time or returning for another year, there are always new skills to learn and friends to meet! Join us for a combination of high adventure activities and wilderness living skills that promote self-confidence while developing a sense of wonder about nature. This camp will include challenge course teambuilding as well as active adventure elements such as remote backpacking, map and compass navigation and river paddling. It will also allow participants to gain knowledge of plants, mammals, tracking, birds and wilderness survival skills. Our qualified instructors will guide students into new and challenging experiences that nurture their connection to the earth and serve them for a lifetime. Past Nature Nuts campers will have an opportunity to build the wilderness foundation skills they have already gained. This camp is also a pre-requisite for Wilderness Leadership camp. The optional Thursday night overnight will give participants the opportunity to expand their wilderness skills of fire building, cooking, and leave-no-trace camping. It will give them a chance to hone their night-time nature awareness, and do some guided evening star gazing if weather permits. Additional female staff will chaperone the overnight.

July 12-16, 2021 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
(optional overnight July 15)

August 2-6, 2021 9:00am - 3:00 pm
(optional overnight August 5)

Fees: \$165 Monday-Friday
(youth must pack own lunch)
Additional \$45 for optional overnight
(fee includes supper and breakfast)

Limit: 15 youth

Registration Deadline: July 16, 2021

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Wildways Leadership Camp

This new version of Wilderness Leadership Camp will allow campers to deepen their wilderness skills with more time in camp and less trail travel. This camp will still involve a challenging hike in to base camp, but once there, our focus will be on the details of setting up an efficient camp, more craft and skill learning, sourcing resources and foraging some of our food, and plenty of nature awareness activities. Campers will gain hands-on skill and craft experience, develop mindfulness in nature and gently push personal boundaries in a safe and supportive back-county setting. A detailed gear list is provided with registration confirmation. An additional female staff will be available to chaperone overnights.

Prerequisite: Wilderness Adventure day camp (see above) or equivalent experience.

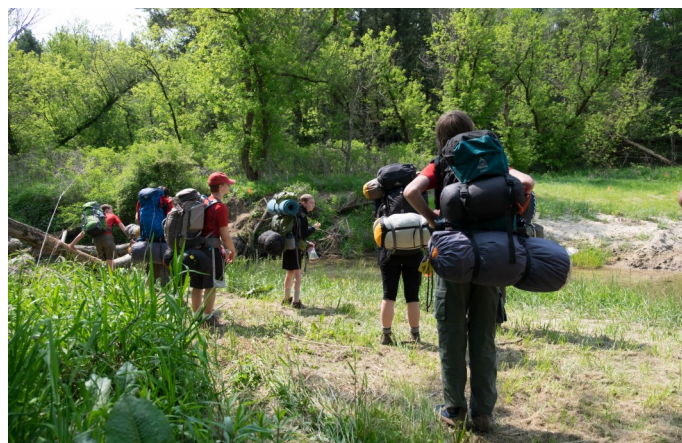
June 21-24, 2021 9am drop off - 3 pm pick up

Fee: \$355 - (3 meals per day will be provided)

Limit: 10 youth

Registration Deadline: June 4, 2021

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Leadership Trail Camp - **Full w/ Waiting List**

Come join us on this challenging four-day, three-night adventure for teens only. Leadership Trail focuses on active skill building and the practice of hard skills such as backpacking, navigation, and canoeing. Campers will deepen their experience in the wilderness environment and gain hands-on leadership and interpersonal skills. This is a self-contained wilderness trek designed to develop endurance and self-confidence by pushing personal boundaries in a safe and supportive backcountry setting. Experienced wilderness instructor Nicholas WazeeGale will teach subjects such as proper selection and use of outdoor gear, shelter building, wilderness cooking, weather safety, and wilderness navigation. Campers will provide their own backpacks, sleeping bags, and personal clothing and are expected to carry personal as well as group gear in backpacks. Pack weight is typically 30-35 lbs, and hiking distances are approximately 4-5 miles daily. Tarps for tents will be provided as well as food and cooking gear. A detailed gear list is provided with registration confirmation. An additional female staff will be available to chaperone overnights.

Prerequisite: Wilderness Adventure day camp (see above) or equivalent experience.

August 16-19, 2021 9am drop off - 3 pm pick up

Fee: \$355 - (3 meals per day will be provided)

Limit: 10 youth

Registration Deadline: July 30, 2021



Instructors: Nicholas WazeeGale and TBA. Nicholas is an enthusiastic naturalist, outdoorsman, and craftsperson. The natural world and its gifts have always held a central focus in his life and he seeks to share this passion for the wilds through teaching outdoor skills like foraging, tracking, and observation, handcraft skills like carving and tanning, and through selling handmade wares such as spoons, bowls, birch boxes and baskets. Initially certified in teaching wilderness skills through a year long wilderness lifeway course, he has been instructing courses at the Driftless Folk School, the Kickapoo Valley Reserve and independently for over 15 years. See what he has been up to on Instagram [@nicholas.wazee.gale](#)

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